# Bringing Out the Best in Energy

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*B.C. has vast, untapped energy potential – and the province has opened up access to more oil, natural and coalbed gas, coal and hydro power, by:*

- Introduced a more competitive regime – summer drilling remained strong in 2004 fuelled by the summer drilling incentives implemented after the 2002 summer season. 2004 saw 317 wells drilled which is a 109% increase over 2002.
- Dedicated a further $30 million in Royalty Road Credits for improved access to resource roads, and developed an award-winning public private partnership that resulted in $40 million in key northern roads through natural-gas-rich terrain.
- Improved independent power producers access to B.C.'s transmission grid to sell their power.
- B.C.'s resource industries count for about two-thirds of B.C. exports - over $22 billion in 2004.

## New Opportunities, New Revenue Potential

*BC is one of few jurisdictions where the in place reserves continue to climb as production increases:*

- North East BC has large volumes of undiscovered natural gas resources – about 27 trillion cubic feet (TcF) of natural gas reserves have been found to date.
- BC also boasts large untapped potential resources in both the Bowser and Nechako Basins with a combined total resource estimate of 16 Tcf of natural gas, 8.1 Tcf of coalbed gas and 7.6 billion barrels of oil.
- Oil and gas royalty revenues are forecast to be $1.854 billion for 2004/05.

## Promoting Offshore Oil and Gas Development

*We are working with industry, communities, researchers and First Nations toward an environmentally sound offshore oil and gas industry by 2010. The province has:*

- Awarded a $2-million grant to UNBC to research scientific and socio-economic issues related to offshore oil and gas development.
- Provided $29 million more over three years to support B.C.'s Oil and Gas Development Strategy and build a firm foundation for the offshore oil and gas initiative.
- Established a dedicated offshore oil and gas team to co-ordinate provincial efforts, including working with the federal government toward development of offshore resources.

## Reducing Costs to Boost Oil and Gas Production

*Oil and gas exploration is the largest single generator of resource revenue for the province. To reduce exploration costs and encourage more exploration, the province has eliminated 31 per cent of permitting fees and improved B.C.'s royalty regime with:*

- A new royalty rate to make low-productivity gas plays more economical to develop.
- Royalty credits to offset the costs of drilling deep wells in mountainous terrain.
- Royalty credits to encourage producers to extend drilling into the summer, providing more stable, year-round jobs.

The Government is partnering with industry to build a new $12 million "Oil and Gas Industry Training Centre of Excellence" at the Fort St. John campus of Northern Lights College that will allow the college to more than double the number of students training for jobs in the oil and gas industry.

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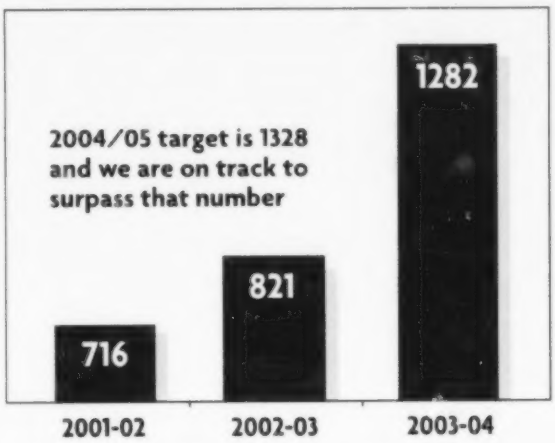
## Encouraging Coalbed Gas Development

*BC's potential coalbed gas resource is estimated to be 90 trillion cubic feet and exploration projects are underway across the province. To encourage the development of this clean-burning energy resource, the province:*

- Established a new royalty regime, including $50,000 in royalty credits for each well drilled by July 1, 2008, to help offset the cost of developing coalbed gas resources and spur investment and job creation.

### 60 per cent more oil and gas wells drilled over two years



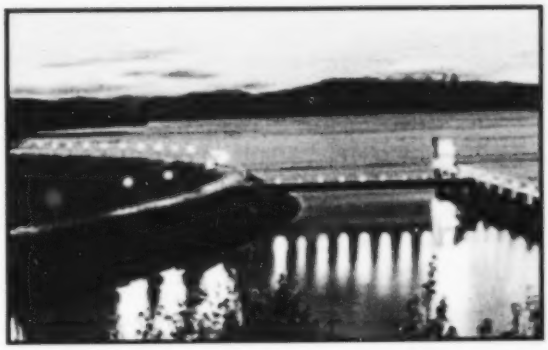

*To build on the strong growth in B.C.'s oil and gas sector, the province is working to generate $20 billion of cumulative investment in this sector by 2008.*

## Opening Up Independent Hydro Production

*The province has committed to continue providing low-cost, publicly owned power through BC Hydro while creating new opportunities for private power generation:*

- B.C. is promoting a larger private-sector role in developing electricity and alternative energy with the goal of meeting 50 percent of B.C.'s new energy needs through clean sources. This has already created up to $800 million of proposed new investment in clean power projects, with more to come.
- Provincial tax on much of the equipment used in small-scale hydro and other clean energy technologies has been removed.
- A new transmission company allows independent power producers to access B.C.'s transmission grid to sell power.
- Industrial users are now free to use suppliers other than BC hydro to access the lowest-cost electricity over the long term.
- Responsibility for independent regulating electricity rates has been restored to the B.C. Utilities Commission, removing political interference in rates.

### Preserving public hydro, protecting consumers



*B.C. residents and industries will continue to benefit from low hydro rates.*

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## General Information

**Ministry of Energy and Mines**
www.gov.bc.ca/em/

**Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management**
www.gov.bc.ca/srm/

**B.C. Utilities Commission**
Vancouver: 604 660-4700
Toll-free provincewide: 1 888 663-1385
www.bcuc.com

## Oil and Gas

**Oil and Gas Commission of B.C.**
Fort St. John: 250 261-5700
www.ogc.gov.bc.ca

**Oil and Gas Pre-Tenure Planning**
srmwww.gov.bc.ca/rmd/ecdev/mog/ptp/

**Canadian Association of Petroleum Products**
Calgary: 403 267-1100
www.capp.ca

## Coalbed Gas

**Canadian Society for Unconventional Gas**
(supports exploration and development of unconventional gas resources)
www.csug.ca

## Hydro

**BC Hydro**
Vancouver: 604 224-9376
Toll-free provincewide: 1 800 224-9376
www.ogc.gov.bc.ca

**Independent Power Producers Association of British Columbia**
(dedicated to developing a viable, independent power industry in B.C.)
Vancouver: 604 980-3075
www.ipabc.net

**Columbia Power Corporation**
Castlegar: 250 365-8585
Victoria: 250 953-5179
www.columbiapower.org

**British Columbia Transmission Corporation (BCTC)**
Phone: 604 699-7300
Toll Free: 1 866-647-3334
Fax: 604 699-7333
Email: contact.us@bctc.com

### We want your input

B.C.'s rich energy resources provide 35,000 direct jobs and support economic activity across the province.

Our government is working hard to open up our energy reserves. Eliminating costly red tape, uncompetitive regulations and economic uncertainty is already resulting in increased exploration, investment and job creation.

I welcome your input and invite you to contact me for more information on the steps we're taking to improve the industries and services you count on.

Gordon Campbell
Premier

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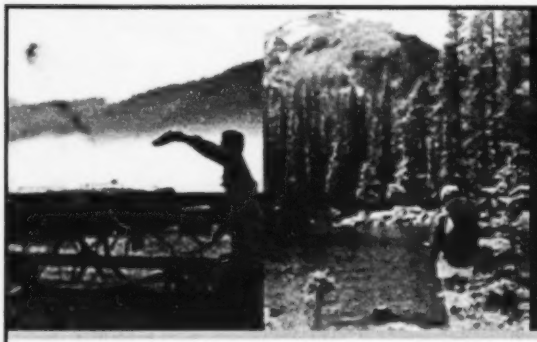

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## Protecting Clean Air Provincewide

*To protect and enhance air quality in B.C., the province has:*

- Strongly opposed the Sumas 2 power plant, to protect air quality, particularly in the Fraser Valley.
- Committed $365 million to develop a new rapid transit line along one of the Lower Mainland's busiest corridors.
- Invested $4.4 million in clean-energy and fuel-cell research over two years and, with the federal government, committed $13 million to B.C.'s fuel-cell industry.
- Dedicated over $300,000 annually to community-driven clean-air partnerships, to make our communities cleaner, healthier and safer.
- Improved B.C.'s air-quality monitoring and reporting, and has developed a climate change plan to reduce B.C.'s greenhouse gas emissions.

### Investing in zero emissions technology

*To support B.C.'s leadership in developing clean-air vehicles, the province has invested $4.4 million in clean-energy and fuel-cell research.*

## Ensuring Clean, Safe Drinking Water

*To ensure safe drinking water, B.C. has:*

- Introduced a comprehensive, $16-million Drinking Water Action Plan to enhance testing and assessments, strengthen accountability and improve water management and delivery.
- Created a new $80 million Community Water Improvement Program to provide safe, reliable and accessible drinking water and improved waste water systems.
- Established a $7-million Living Rivers trust fund.
- Introduced new groundwater protection regulations, the first of their kind in B.C. to improve the safety and quality of the province's groundwater supplies.

## Harnessing Clean Energy

*The province is working to ensure clean energy sources play increasing roles in meeting B.C.'s growing energy needs.*

- B.C.'s Energy Plan has set the target of producing 50 per cent of all new electricity through clean and renewable energy sources. It also encourages energy efficiency and conservation.
- The province has facilitated the largest purchase of green energy in B.C.'s history, resulting in 16 power projects, including hydro, land-fill gas and wind energy.
- B.C. committed over $13 million toward 28 "green" and six community infrastructure projects, including investments to improve the energy efficiency of local government facilities.
- Expansion of the used oil recycling program means almost 20 million more litres of used oil and millions of used filters will be recycled in B.C.

# Bringing Out the Best for Our Environment

## Strong, Science-Based Environmental Management

*In support of science-based, principled environmental management, B.C. has:*

- Appointed a Provincial Species-at-Risk Recovery Co-ordinator, to accelerate progress on the recovery of mountain caribou and other species at risk.
- Adopted a scientific approach to salmon aquaculture management, implementing one of the most comprehensive regulatory regimes in the world.
- Provided $17.2 million in grants through the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund to support fish and wildlife conservation projects across B.C.
- Worked toward having an environmentally sound offshore oil and gas industry. A $2-million grant to UNBC is supporting research on related scientific and socio-economic issues.

### Sustainability for B.C.'s Number-One Industry

*B.C. plants 200 million new trees a year – six every second – with more than 5 billion seedlings planted so far.*

## Promoting Sustainable Land Use and Wildlife Protection

*To ensure responsible stewardship of our lands and wildlife, the province has:*

- Enhanced B.C.'s ability to protect species at risk, introducing legislation that enables government to designate species for additional protection.
- Invested $12 million a year in forest research to ensure leading, sustainable forest management.
- Established a new public lands trust of $8 million to support conservation of ecologically important private lands for the benefit of the public in British Columbia.
- Increased funding to protect forest and range land from the effects of invasive plants, to a total of $8 million over the next two years, more than B.C. has ever spent on this issue before.

## Protecting More B.C. Splendour in Parks

*To enhance the diversity of B.C.'s parks, the province has:*

- Established the Southern Gulf Islands National Park with the federal government and provided $25 million for Gulf Islands parkland acquisition.
- Created 37 new parks and expanded 34 more, protecting more than 150,000 hectares of B.C. wilderness.
- Signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the federal government to explore the potential for a new national park in the Okanagan and marine conservation areas to protect some of B.C.'s most valuable marine ecosystems.
- Completed a $73-million agreement to protect Burns Bog. This vital ecosystem is known as "The Lungs of the Lower Mainland" for its significant contribution to air quality.

# Bringing Out the Best for Our Environment

**Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection**
www.gov.bc.ca/wlap

**BC Parks**
www.bcparks.ca

**Discover Camping**
Vancouver: 604 689-9025
Toll-free provincewide: 1 800 689-9025
www.discovercamping.ca

**Habitat Conservation Trust Fund**
Victoria: 250 387-9853
Toll-free provincewide: 1 800 387-9853
www.hctf.ca

**Conservation Officer Service**
Toll-free provincewide: 1 800 663-9453 (WILD)
wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/eeeb

**Provincial Emergency Program**
Provincial Emergency Reporting: 1 800 663-3456
www.pep.bc.ca

**Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries**
www.gov.bc.ca/agf

**Freshwater Fisheries Society of B.C.**
Victoria: 250 414-4200

**Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management**
www.gov.bc.ca/srm

**Environmental Assessment Office**
Victoria: 250 356-7479
www.eao.gov.bc.ca

**Land and Water BC**
Victoria: 250 952-6246
www.lwbc.bc.ca

**Ministry of Forests**
www.gov.bc.ca/for

## We want your input

B.C. is renowned for its spectacular scenery and incredible natural environment. The province is working to protect and enhance this environmental legacy.

We're honouring our commitment to adopt a scientifically based, principled approach to environmental management that ensures sustainability, accountability and responsibility.

I welcome your input and invite you to contact me for more information on our measures to protect and enhance B.C.'s water, land and air resources.

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## Revitalizing B.C.'s Number-One Industry

*Forestry accounts for half our exports and supports 270,000 B.C. jobs. The province has launched a comprehensive Forestry Revitalization Plan to restore prosperity and create new jobs and opportunities by:*

- Diversifying the industry to create new jobs.
- Working to reduce the regulatory burden, including implementing a new forest practices code that sets strict standards for forest management, while providing the flexibility to achieve better economic and environmental results.
- Marketing our products and practices worldwide.

## Creating New Opportunities for Workers

*To create more jobs for forest workers, we are opening up new opportunities for smaller forest companies, value-added industries, community forests and woodlot operators, by:*

- Re-allocating 20 per cent of timber held by major licensees so that eventually, up to 45 per cent of total timber will be available to small and new operators on the open market.
- Ensuring all 600 B.C. mills have the opportunity to make the best use of timber, rather than having timber licences tied to particular mills.
- Almost doubling the amount of wood for community forests, woodlots and First Nations.

## Protecting Forest Workers and Their Families

*As we make much-needed changes to forest policies, we're also working to protect workers, families and their communities. The province has:*

- Created a $75-million trust fund to provide support for forest workers and contractors during the forest reforms.
- Provided $200 million to ensure fair compensation for forest companies affected by the reallocation of timber rights, to help them keep mills open and keep jobs in forest communities.

### Over five billion seedlings – and counting

*Less than one-third of one per cent of B.C.'s forests is logged each year, and 200 million trees per year are planted.*

# Bringing Out the Best in Forestry

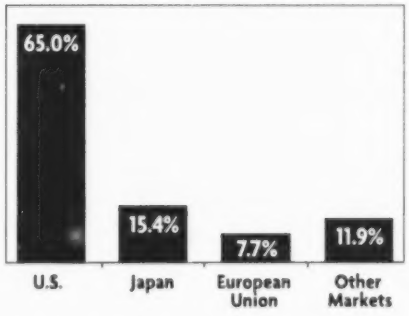
## Opening Up Markets for B.C. Forest Products

*B.C. exports 90 per cent of its forest products. As part of the Forestry Revitalization Plan, we're working with the industry to open up new market opportunities:*

- Investing $87.1 million over the past three years – including $19 million a year in international marketing and product development – to promote B.C. as the home of the best forest products, practices and workers in the world.
- Partnering with industry on the $12-million Dream Home China project to showcase wood-frame housing using B.C. products and B.C. building technology in Shanghai.
- Promoting the use of B.C. wood products in facilities for the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.
- Working to achieve a fair resolution to the softwood lumber dispute that protects forest jobs for the long term.

### B.C. is opening up new markets

(percentage share of 2002 forest exports)




*To reduce the industry's dependence on the U.S. market, the province is aggressively pursuing new opportunities in overseas markets.*

## Enhancing Sustainable Forest Practices

*B.C. is a global leader in sustainable forest management. The province has:*

- Introduced a new forest practices code that sets strict standards for sustainable management, backed up by penalties of up to $1 million or time in jail.
- Continued aggressive silviculture initiatives to replant our forests. We plant 200 million trees a year; by May 2002, B.C. had planted five billion.
- Invested over $10 million a year in forest research, to ensure B.C. remains a leader in sustainable forest management.
- Created the $3-million B.C. Market Outreach Network, to inform international customers about B.C.'s role as a world leader in sustainable forest management.

## Opening Up Opportunities for First Nations

*To increase certainty, growth and jobs for our forest industry through new partnerships with First Nations, the province has:*

- Established new partnerships to increase First Nations' participation in forestry, including $135 million in revenue sharing over four years and reallocating some allowable annual cut.
- Since September 2002 signed agreements with 83 First Nations to provide access to over 12 million cubic metres of wood and share revenues of over $75 million.
- Dedicated $26 million to 124 projects, including forestry projects, to support First Nations' economic development.

# Bringing Out the Best in Forestry

## Revitalizing Forestry

**Ministry of Forests**
www.gov.bc.ca/for/

**Forestry Revitalization Plan**
www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/plan/

**Forest and Range Practices Act**
www.for.gov.bc.ca/code/

**Working Forest Initiative**
srmwww.gov.bc.ca/rmd/workingforest/

## Timber Access

In addition to information in the Forestry Revitalization Plan, backgrounders are available on:

**B.C. Timber Sales Changes**
www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/plan/bctimbersales.htm

**Contracts and Subcontracts in Timber Harvesting**
www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/plan/bill13.htm

**Community-Based Forest Management**
www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/plan/communitybased.htm

**B.C.'s New Timber Pricing System**
www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/plan/newtimberpricing.htm

**Small-Scale Salvagers**
www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/plan/smallscalesalvagers.htm

## First Nations Forestry

**Economic Measures Fund**
www.gov.bc.ca/tno/popt/eco_meas_fund.htm

**Opening Up New Partnerships With First Nations**
www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/plan/firstnations.htm

## Forest Research, Product Developing and Marketing

**Forest Investment Account**
(a provincial funding mechanism to promote sustainable forest management)
www.for.gov.bc.ca/hcp/fia

**B.C. Market Outreach Network**
(information on B.C. forest practices)
Vancouver: 604 685-7507
www.bcforestinformation.com/

**Forestry Innovation Investment**
(a provincial investment mechanism for promoting sustainable forest management and increasing forest value through research, product development and marketing)
Vancouver: 604 685-7507
www.forestry-innovation.bc.ca/

**Dream Home China**
(a project to promote B.C. building products and wood-frame construction techniques in China)
Forestry Innovation Investment
Vancouver: 604 685-7507
www.dreamhomechina.com/English/index.asp

### We want your input

Forestry is our number-one industry. It accounts for half our exports and provides jobs for more than a quarter of a million British Columbians.

Our government is working to revitalize forestry for the benefit of all British Columbians, by supporting market reforms, broader access to timber, enhanced research and market expansion.

I welcome your input and invite you to contact me for more information on the steps we're taking to improve the industries and services you count on.

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# Bringing Out the Best for K-12 Students

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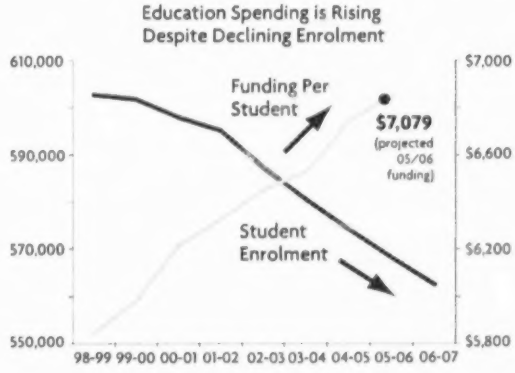
## Increasing Resources for Students

*Since June 2001, the province has dedicated more to help meet the needs of students across B.C.:*

- Increasing funding to B.C. public schools next year by $150 million – the single largest increase in more than a decade.
- Investing $722 million over the next three years in new, expanded and upgraded schools and facilities where they are needed most.
- Providing districts with a $440-million increase in funding since 2000-01: $305 million in operating funding; and $138 million in one-time funding – the direct result of ministry administrative savings.
- Giving school districts greater flexibility in allotting funding, as well as greater accountability for the results.

### More for Every Student




## Strengthening Accountability to Deliver a Quality Education

*In partnership with school districts and parents, the province is working to improve accountability for students' learning outcomes. Initiatives include:*

- Designating education an essential service to ensure no child is denied the right to instruction during school strikes or lockouts.
- Implementing school district reviews and accountability contracts to benchmark and improve performance in every district.
- Establishing school planning councils – consisting of three parents, one student, one teacher and the school principal – to identify student needs and set goals for improvement.

## Promoting Parental Involvement to Strengthen Schools

*Studies have shown that strong parental involvement improves education, so the province has:*

- Passed legislation to guarantee parents' right to volunteer at their children's schools.
- Introduced annual satisfaction surveys allowing parents to provide input and feedback regarding the school system.
- Eliminated the provincial sales tax on school items purchased by parent advisory councils, to maximize the value of their activities.

# Bringing Out the Best for K-12 Students

## Safeguarding Student Interests

*The province is helping to maximize student achievement, by:*

- Setting class-size limits for grades K-3, plus district-wide averages for all grades.
- Introducing new school safety standards to increase student safety and reduce bullying.
- Freeing students to attend the school of their choice, as long as space is available.

### Maintaining Class-Size Limits Condusive to Learning

*Class-size limits for kindergarten through Grade 3, plus district-wide averages for class sizes in all grades, are now established in law.*

## Encouraging Active, Healthy Bodies and Minds

*Recognizing the vital role of physical health in student achievement, the province has:*

- Committed $14.5 million to Action Schools! BC, a program designed to help children become more physically active.
- Committed to eliminate junk food from schools over the next 4 ½ years.
- Included knowledge of personal health matters like physical activity and healthy eating in B.C.'s new graduation requirements.
- Committed to introduce clear performance standards for K to 7 physical education.

## Investing More to Improve B.C.'s Learning Conditions

*Children deserve safe, healthy, well-equipped schools that allow them to achieve their best. To strengthen capital planning, the province introduced three-year capital funding in 2003, which increased to $722 million for 2004-07. The 66 projects this funding will support include:*

- 42 new, expanded, renovated or replacement schools, in districts across B.C.
- 11 site acquisitions for future school facilities in Surrey, Abbotsford, Coquitlam and Sooke, as well as in Nanaimo and Kelowna for school district 93 (Conseil scolaire francophone).
- Seismic upgrades to 13 different schools in higher-risk earthquake areas.

The Province will invest $1.5 billion over the next 15 years to seismically upgrade all high priority schools to ensure students are safe.

## Improving Preparation for Higher Learning

*To prepare high-school students for post-secondary pursuits, the province has:*

- Introduced a new graduation program that will allow a wider range of courses to count toward graduation.
- Set new graduation requirements to increase student achievement and better prepare students for life after school.

# Bringing Out the Best for K-12 Students

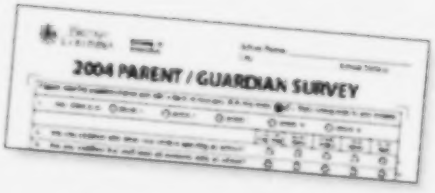
## General Information on All Levels of Education in B.C.

**Achieve BC**
(tools to help British Columbians reach their educational and career goals)
Victoria: 250 387-9649
Toll-free provincewide: 1 800 514-0554
www.achievebc.ca

**Ministry of Education**
www.gov.bc.ca/bced

**Ministry of Advanced Education**
www.gov.bc.ca/aved

## Parent Satisfaction is Growing


2004 PARENT / GUARDIAN SURVEY

*In the 2004 school survey, 78% of parents indicated they're satisfied with what their child is learning – up from 76% in 2003.*

## Useful Contacts and Links for K-12 Students

**Aboriginal Education**
Victoria: 250 356-1891
www.bced.gov.bc.ca/abed

**B.C. Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils**
Lower Mainland: 604 687-4433
www.bccpac.bc.ca

**B.C. School Trustees Association**
Lower Mainland: 604 734-2721
www.bcsta.org

**Schools and District Information**
www.bced.gov.bc.ca/schools

**Graduation Requirements**
www.bced.gov.b.ca/graduation

**Provincial Scholarships and Awards**
www.bced.gov.bc.ca/awards

**Career Planning**
www.bced.gov.bc.ca/awards

### We want your input

We believe B.C. students deserve all the opportunities a first-rate education system affords.

Education is one of the best health-care initiatives, one of the most effective job- creation strategies, and one of the most important investments we can make in our children's future. That's why we're increasing resources and strengthening accountability for results.

I welcome your input, and invite you to contact me for more information on our measures to put students first.

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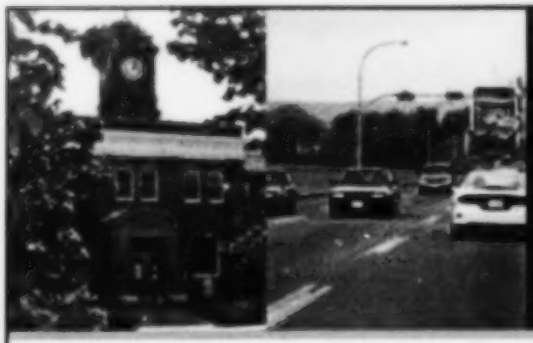

# Bringing Out the Best for Local Government

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## Resources to Ensure Strong Municipal Services

*Local governments are the front-line providers of the community services that British Columbians depend on. That's why the government has protected funding for local government grants, to ensure strong municipal services. The province has:*

- Provided a total of $130 million per year in grants to local governments, to help them build safe, healthy communities.
- Maintained unconditional grants to ensure local governments have the flexibility to allocate resources where they are needed most.
- Partnered with federal and local governments to fund more than 150 infrastructure improvement projects.

## Strengthening Local Decision-Making

*We're helping local governments prepare for the new Community Charter, which increases local autonomy and accountability. The charter:*

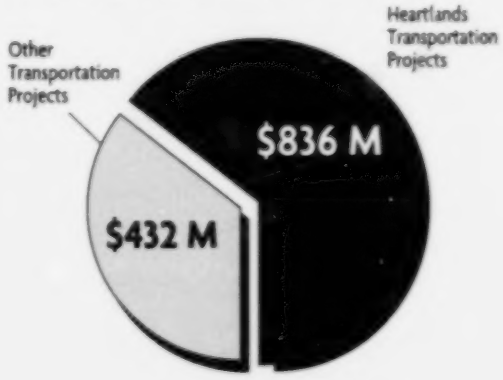
- Empowers local governments to make the best decisions for their areas.
- Enables businesses to operate in multiple municipalities by streamlining and standardizing local government regulations.
- Outlaws downloading of costs by the province.
- Enhances local accountability by ensuring councils prepare annual reports.

## Improving Transportation to Create Jobs

*Increasing the safety, efficiency and integration of our transportation network will open up new economic opportunities. The province has:*

- Budgeted over $1.3 billion for transportation infrastructure over the next three years.
- Renewed the Canada-B.C. partnership that has so far dedicated $336 million to upgrade the Trans-Canada Highway and other trade corridors.
- Committed to address an array of safety, congestion and capacity concerns across B.C.
- Adopted a new approach for BC Ferries that will improve service, guarantee service levels and fair rates and see $2 billion in fleet and asset renewal.
- Embarked on a new partnership for BC Rail, based on input from northern communities, to improve access to external markets.

### $1.1 billion to open up B.C.'s Heartlands through improved transportation




*In the next three years, the province will invest $1.3 billion in transportation infrastructure, including $836 million for Heartlands improvements.*

# Bringing Out the Best for Local Government

## Protecting Public Health Through Safe Drinking Water

*The province has created a $16-million drinking water action plan to ensure source-to-tap protection, and has:*

- Funded, with federal and provincial partners, 68 water-related improvement projects valued at over $332 million.
- Added $1.5 million in funding for drinking-water monitoring and protection.
- Passed new drinking-water and groundwater legislation to enhance testing and assessments and provide for new drinking-water officers.

## Stronger Measures to Improve Public Safety

*To ensure safer streets and communities, the province has:*

- Returned 100 per cent of all net traffic fines to municipalities, exceeding the New Era commitment of 75 per cent. This funding, over $40 million/year, is part of a comprehensive strategy to enhance community policing, crime prevention and public safety.
- Passed new laws to crack down on street racing and strengthened penalties for drunk driving.
- Legislated greater parental responsibility for property crimes committed by children.
- Protected funding for transition houses for women and children, as well as individual and group counselling.
- Improved services for victims of crime by funding 24 new police and community-based programs across B.C., plus a 24-hour crisis line for victims who need help.

## Strengthening Local Economies

*We've launched the Heartlands Economic Strategy to create action plans with local and regional governments, businesses and First Nations and unleash the potential of all B.C. communities. Key commitments include:*

- Establishing a B.C. Resort Task Force to expedite growth and expansion in B.C.'s resort sector.
- Introducing the Forestry Revitalization Plan, which will see the province work with forest companies, communities, workers and First Nations to ensure a competitive, sustainable forest industry.
- Creating the Rocks to Riches Mineral Development Strategy, to double annual investment in exploration, support mine discovery and generate exploration and mining jobs.
- Developing an energy plan that will work toward government's goal of stimulating new energy investment and creating thousands of new jobs.
- Generating regional economic development plans that focus and build on regional strengths.

### Promoting our number-one industry

*B.C. is investing $19 million a year to strengthen markets and pursue new opportunities in forestry.*

# Bringing Out the Best for Local Government

## Local Governments

### Community Charter
Victoria: 205 387-4050
E-mail: CAWS.CharterFeedback@gems1.gov.bc.ca
www.mcaws.gov.bc.ca/charter/index.htm

### Local Government Grants
Victoria: 250 356-6575
www.mcaws.gov.bc.ca/lgd/pol_research/grants.html

### Restructuring Assistance Program
Local Government Structure Branch
Victoria: 250 387-4054

### Water and Sewer Infrastructure Planning Grant Program
Infrastructure and Finance Division
Victoria: 250 387-4060

### Canada-B.C. Infrastructure Program
Information can be obtained through the following:
Ministry of Competition, Science and Enterprise
Victoria: 250 952-0675
Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services
Victoria: 250 387-4060
www.gov.bc.ca/cse/

## Local Citizens

Local government agents will handle most municipal-related enquiries. Call Enquiry B.C. and ask to be transferred to your local government agent.

### Enquiry B.C.
Victoria: 250 387-6121
Vancouver: 604 660-2421
Elsewhere in B.C.: 1 800 663-7867
Telephone device for the deaf:
Vancouver: 604 775-0303
Elsewhere in B.C.: 1 800 661-8773

### 2010 Olympic Bid
www.winter2010.com

### Civic Info BC
(municipal government news and information)
Victoria: 250 383-4898
www.civicinfo.bc.ca/

### Civic Net BC
Union of BC Municipalities
Richmond: 604 270-8226
www.civicnet.bc.ca

### BC Online
(information on land titles, property assessments, B.C. companies, and more)
Toll-free provincewide: 1 800 663-6102
www.bconline.gov.bc.ca/

### Land Title Branch
Victoria: 250 952-5852
srmwww.gov.bc.ca/landtitle/

### BC Assessment
bcassessment.gov.bc.ca/

### Property Assessment Appeal Board
Richmond: 604 775-1740
www.assessmentappeal.bc.ca

### Public Libraries
www.bcpl.gov.bc.ca/public/contacts.php

### Action Plan for Safe Drinking Water in British Columbia
www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca/cpa/publications/safe_drinking_printcopy.pdf

### We want your input

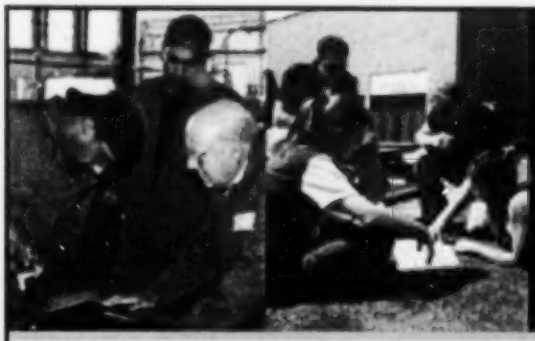
We live in the best province, in the best country in the world – and it's our local communities all across B.C. that make our quality of life second to none.

Our government is working hard to make sure local governments have the resources they need to serve you, and to create new prosperity and opportunities for all of us, in every region of our province.

I welcome your input and invite you to contact me for more information on our initiatives to strengthen B.C. communities.

Gordon Campbell
Premier

E-mail your comments to: premier@gov.bc.ca



# Bringing Out the Best in Post-Secondary Education

BRITISH COLUMBIA
www.gov.bc.ca

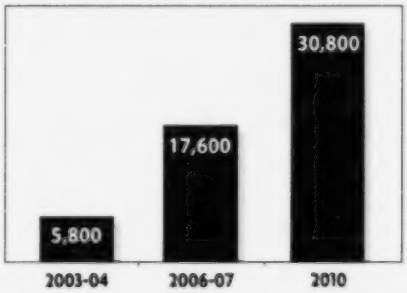
## 25,000 New Spaces Across B.C. by 2010

*To ensure every B.C. student with a "B or better" average can access post-secondary education, the province is:*

- Adding 25,000 post-secondary spaces by 2010 – including 10,000 in B.C.'s Heartlands – on top of the 5,800 spaces added provincewide since 2001-02. This will boost post-secondary space much faster than the expected rate of increase in the number of 18-to-29-year-olds in the province.
- Doubling the number of computer science and electrical engineering graduates over five years. By 2005 -06, a total of 3,310 spaces will have been created in these areas.
- Almost doubling the number medical school spaces in B.C., to 224 from 128, with $134 million invested in new medical school facilities at UBC, UNBC and UVic.
- Creating over 2,100 more training spaces for nurses to date, and investing in return-to-work, continuing education and loan-forgiveness programs benefiting thousands of nurses.

### Over 30,000 New Spaces in Under a Decade

Adding Spaces Above the Rate of Growth in the Population 18-29 years old




Increase in Student Spaces Over 2001-02 Level

## Boosting Industry Training by 30% to Meet Growing Demand

*The province is working to dramatically increase apprenticeships and trades training by:*

- Dedicating $77 million to a new Industry Training Authority – and adopting an industry-led training and apprenticeship system – to increase the number of trainees by 30 per cent by 2006-07 and improve completion rates.
- Providing $1.9 million toward 25 pilot projects to help more high school students move into post-secondary trades training and jobs, and another $1.2 million for a province-wide program to encourage high school students to register in industry training programs.
- Building a new $39.2-million centre of excellence for trades and applied learning at Kwantlen College in Cloverdale.
- Investing $6.5 million to buy and refurbish a building that will allow the College of New Caledonia in Prince George to relocate and expand several trades training programs.

### Expanding Access to Trades Training

*B.C. is investing $6.5 million in this refurbished building in Prince George to relocate and expand many College of New Caledonia programs.*

# Bringing Out the Best in Post-Secondary Education

## Increasing Access to Career Opportunities

*Over the next decade, more than 70 per cent of job openings will require some post-secondary education. To prepare young people for these opportunities, B.C. has:*

- Established the Aboriginal Employment Partnership Initiative to better match job training and skills programs with real opportunities.
- Provided a comprehensive, flexible student financial aid package that includes debt relief for students when necessary.

## Investing in State-of-the-Art Facilities and Programs

*The province has committed more than $1 billion to strengthen post-secondary research, training and innovation across B.C. since 2001, including:*

- $175 million to support research projects through the B.C. Knowledge Development Fund.
- A $20-million initiative to expand aerospace training facilities and accommodate 500 new student spaces in aerospace and related programs.
- The $45-million Leading Edge Endowment Fund to establish 20 B.C. Leadership Chairs in the fields of medical, social, environmental and technological research.
- $7.5 million for the B.C. Regional Innovation Chairs program to support social and economic development research at colleges, university-colleges and institutes.
- 1,145 new spaces in BCIT's technology programs, to meet growing demand for workers in areas like robotics, engineering and technology.

## Expanding Post-Secondary Access in Every Region

*Highlights of the province's access agenda, which will add 25,000 post-secondary spaces by 2010:*

- Simon Fraser University will gain a new $70-million campus in fast-growing Surrey – plus 1,150 seats at its Burnaby campus by 2010.
- Kwantlen will have 1,800 more spaces to spread among its four campuses, including a new $39-million campus in Cloverdale, which will be a centre of excellence for trades and applied learning in one of B.C.'s fastest-growing communities.
- Vancouver Island will gain 4,000 new spaces – half of them at UVic – ensuring more spaces in nursing, electrical and computer engineering, teacher education and other programs.
- Kamloops gains a new $20-million special-purpose university that will increase local spaces by 50 per cent, to 9,000 from 6,000, and incorporate Open University and Open College.
- Okanagan University College will divide and grow into UBC Okanagan, with 7,500 full-time, undergraduate-through-PhD spaces, and Okanagan College, B.C.'s second-largest college, with 4,600 spaces.
- The Central Interior and North will gain 1,500 new seats, a new Prince Rupert campus that will accommodate almost 600 students and a new $12-million campus in Williams Lake.
- In Prince George, UNBC will get 600 seats and the College of New Caledonia, 400 seats plus a $6.5-million investment in a refurbished building to relocate and expand many of the college's trades training programs.

# Bringing Out the Best in Post-Secondary Education

## General Information on All Levels of Education in B.C.

**Achieve BC**
(tools to help British Columbians reach their educational and career goals)
Victoria: 250 387-9649
Toll-free provincewide: 1 800 514-0554
www.achievebc.ca

**Ministry of Education**
www.gov.bc.ca/bced

**Ministry of Advanced Education**
www.gov.bc.ca/aved

## Useful Contacts and Links for Post-Secondary Students

**Student Financial Aid**
Victoria: 250 387-6100
Lower Mainland: 604 660-2610
Toll-free Canada/USA: 1 800 561-1818
TTY line for deaf and hearing impaired: 250 952-6832
www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentservices

**Loan Forgiveness Program for Nursing, Medical, Midwifery and Pharmacy Students**
Student Services Branch, Advanced Education
Victoria: 250 387-6100
Lower Mainland: 604 660-2610
Toll-free Canada/USA: 1 800 561-1818
TTY line for deaf and hearing impaired: 250 952-6832
www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentservices/student/finish/debt_red/bc_nurse.htm

**B.C. Post-Secondary Institutions**
www.aved.gov.bc.ca/branches/psed/institut/institut.htm

**Industry Training**
Toll-free provincewide: 1 866 660-6011
www.itabc.ca

### We want your input

Our government is working to give young British Columbians unprecedented access to post-secondary opportunities that are second to none.

We're investing in new post-secondary spaces and leading-edge facilities, encouraging more students to pursue trades and apprenticeships, and working with industry and post-secondary partners to ensure students are ready for real-world opportunities.

I welcome your input and invite you to contact me for more information on our measures to promote student achievement.

Gordon Campbell
Premier

E-mail your comments to: premier@gov.bc.ca